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	MEDIUM FOR PROVIDING ADAPTIVE)	
	PROGRAMMING LISTINGS OVER A)	
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REQUEST FOR PRE-APPEAL REVIEW

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 26, 2008, and in conjunction with the concurrently filed Notice of Appeal, the Applicants submit the following remarks for entry in the above-entitled application.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-21, and 23-29 are presently pending in the instant application. In the Final Office Action dated November 26, 2008, the Examiner maintains the rejections of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-21, and 23-29 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2003/0093790 to Logan et al. (hereinafter "Logan"). The Applicants submit that the rejections of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-21, and 23-29 are in error.

Logan teaches a system of collecting and aggregating metadata from various channels in order to identify program and program segments of broadcast programming content that a user is likely to enjoy. Logan also teaches a recording and playback option for capturing relevant content.

With regard to claims 1, 11, and 21 the Examiner maintained all rejections and added a rejection for the newly added element "wherein the user interface includes an option to enable the customer to globally turn off and on preference filtering that allows the customer to access programming that would otherwise be blocked without requiring the customer to edit previously selected customer preferences, wherein presenting the filtered on-screen program guide to the customer includes presenting otherwise blocked titles to the customer when the option is turned off."

Paragraphs [0016]-[0018] of Logan disclose customer preferences and filtering mechanisms. Additionally, paragraphs [0140], [0282], and [0312] of Logan disclose a user interface for use in preventing the listing of a particular content item (i.e., Never Again button), or for sorting, selecting, and viewing content segments. However, there is no teaching or suggestion in Logan of an option to globally turn off and on preference filtering such that the customer may access programming that would otherwise be blocked through the filtering mechanism *without editing the customer selected preferences*, as recited in claims 1, 11, and 21.

Paragraphs [0123]-[0128] of Logan describe a process of using "preference data" which has been generated as a result of processing the metadata collected and aggregated from the channels. In paragraph [0123], Logan describes a process of "highlighting segments of interest" on a program guide for a consumer, based on the preference data.

The Examiner contends that this automatic highlighting is the same as turning off preference filtering as is described in out claim 1. The Examiner appears to focus his argument on the fact that Logan does not teach “edit[ing] previously selected customer preferences” in order to produce the highlighting. Logan, however, does not teach globally turning off preferences temporarily, or otherwise, and therefore does not teach this element of claims 1, 11 and 21.

For at least these reasons, the Applicants submit that the rejections of claims 1, 11, and 21 as being anticipated by Logan are in error. Claims or the art as a whole, and are in condition for allowance. Claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-16, 18-20, and 23-29 depend from what should be an allowable base claims 1, 11, and 21, respectively.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is urged that the final rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-21, and 23-29 be overturned. The final rejection is in error and should be reversed.

If a communication with Applicant's Attorneys would assist in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such issues may be promptly resolved.

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Respectfully submitted,

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